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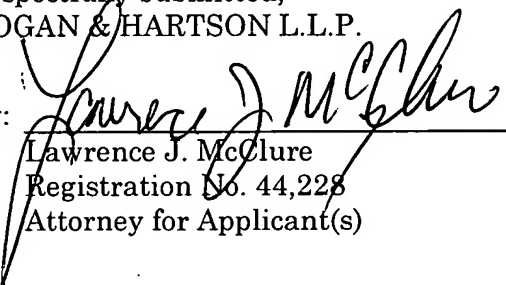
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NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE REFERENCES

- ☒ Enclosed is a search report for a counterpart application. The search report Examiner has provided comments on the relevancy of any non-English language references cited in the search report.
- ☒ Applicant is supplying a machine translation of the Japanese Publications as a matter of courtesy. The machine translation has not been checked for accuracy.
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